



**GREAT YARMOUTH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Council

**Date:** Thursday, 16 May 2019  
**Time:** 19:00  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
**Address:** Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

## AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be discussed if it relates to something on your Register of Interests form. You must declare the interest and leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

You have a Personal Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects

- your well being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

You must declare a personal interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

Whenever you declare an interest you must say why the interest

arises, so that it can be included in the minutes.

**3     MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To consider any announcements from His worship the Mayor.

**4     ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of urgent business.

**5     MINUTES**

**7 - 10**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd April 2019.

**6     QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

(a) The following question has been submitted to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee from Mrs L Hewett of Scratby :

As I understand it the proposed budget (initially discussed March 2019), is going to be in the region of £26 million. Bearing in mind that building projects often run over budget, is there going to be written into the final contract with the builders that any delay or increase in budget will incur some kind of forfeit for the contractors and it is ensured that all the promised ramps / pods / poolside disability access are completed, before the final payment is made to the builders, as I am sure that these will be the first things to disappear when the budget is getting tight!

(b) The following question has been submitted to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee from Gaynor Read, Director of Retroskate CIC and Secretary to RetroSkate Artistic Roller Skating Club :

RetroSkate is a not-for-profit community interest company that is privately funded and receives no grants. It was established in 2009 by 4 directors who wanted to return roller skating back to Great Yarmouth after a 20year absence. Its home is the former Piazza area of the Marina Centre, to which we have exclusive use, pay rent to Sentinel, business rates to GYBC and employ 12 people. Due to the level of support the business gained early on and the wish for some customers to take their new found skills to the next level, RetroSkate Artistic Roller Skating Club was formed. The club is

affiliated to the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating and allows its member to have access to a dedicated rink to train (over 40hrs per week across 6 groups) and then compete in the sport of artistic roller skating nationally and internationally. The club currently has 70 skating members, ranging from 5 to 55 years of age and is the largest and most successful roller skating club in the UK, with multiple Team GB selections, championships titles and awards since its inception.

Following on from RetroSkate's CIC wish to firmly place Great Yarmouth back on the skating map and with the strong partnership with the club, an annual skating competition is held in November. November 2019 would be its 10<sup>th</sup> gala. The competition is the most highly regarded club competition on the skating calendar. It attracts 15-18 clubs from all over the country, with 300 skaters in attendance as well as the 500+spectators. Previous mayors of Great Yarmouth council have attended and been astounded at the size and success of this event. It is held in November as it fits in with the international skating calendar and other club competitions. This also means that those attending benefit from better seafront parking arrangements are more availability at hotels and B&B's for those travelling from afar (many more than 4hours away). With the money these people spend in the local restaurants too, this gives a very well received boost to the 'out of season' economy.

RetroSkate CIC and Retroskate club has carried out extensive searches for suitable venues in which to relocate to, should the demolition of the Marina Centre happen. This unfortunately so far has been fruitless due to the open space required, planning restrictions, suitable locations, affordability and costs involved in making any premises fit for skating. Even if a venue did materialise in the next few months, any hope of it being ready to accommodate the sheer size and scale of the annual competition are non-existent. Whilst we have notified all clubs that the competition may not go ahead, many have already booked accommodation and made plans to attend in the hope that their optimism, support and inability to comprehend the closure of such a successful venue would go ahead.

Dates for any competition have to be submitted to the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating over a year in advance. The skating calendar is now full from September to November, so our scheduled date of 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of November cannot be moved. We therefore ask that if the decision is taken to close and then demolish the existing Marina Centre, that the planning and timeline for this, allows for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual skating competition to go ahead. This would be in recognition of all the amazing achievements that RetroSkate and its skaters have proudly brought back to Great Yarmouth

(c) The following question has been submitted to the Chairman of

the Policy and Resources Committee from Mr J Cannell of the Great Yarmouth and District Trades Union Council :

In view of the recent statements of Government Ministers concerning the detrimental effects in the introduction of Universal Credit . Does the Council agree that Great Yarmouth is entitled to compensation for the effects that the system has caused to the Local Economy, this coupled with the cuts in the rate support grant has been catastrophic for the citizens of the Borough.

## **7     PETITIONS**

Members are advised that a petition has been received with around 1500 signatures to protest against the closure of the Marina Centre - they want the new Marina Centre built elsewhere to ensure continuity of facilities.

Article 45 of the Council's Constitution relating to the Petition Scheme states that " If a petition contains more than 900 signatures it will be debated by the full Council". It also states that " The petition organiser will be given 10 minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 20 minutes".

## **8     GREAT YARMOUTH HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTRE**

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Report attached.

## **9     NOTICE OF MOTION**

To note that the following notices of motion have been submitted by Councillors Smith- Clare , Cordiner-Achenbach, Borg, T Wright, B Walker, Waters-Bunn and Martin

Just under three years ago Universal credit was introduced in Great Yarmouth. During this period claimants have descended into debt; relying on food banks and food kitchens - getting into rent arrears and in some cases getting evicted from their own homes. delays in the payment of Universal Credit has increased poverty and instances of anxiety and depression.

Council resolves to :

(1) agree that this Council has no confidence in Universal Credit

(2) call on the Leader of the Council to make representations to the Rt Hon Amber Rudd, Secretary of State at the Department for Work and Pensions to urge her to scrap Universal Credit and to replace it with a social security system that supports people and ensures that nobody is worse off, rather than driving them into greater poverty

(3) continue to support residents unduly affected by Universal Credit

**10 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

To appoint the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.

**11 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2019/20**

Report to follow.

Note: Each Political Group can have two substitutes attend a Committee meeting, providing that in respect of the Development Control Committee and the Licensing Committee they have had the necessary training.

**12 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR'S AND VICE-CHAIR'S OF COMMITTEES 2019/20**

Report to follow.

**13 APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS**

Report to follow.

**14 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR'S AND VICE-CHAIR'S OF WORKING GROUPS 2019/20**

Report to follow.

**15     APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2018/19**

Report to follow.

Note: Appointments will be for one year only whilst a review of Outside Bodies is undertaken.

**16     GREAT YARMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 2 MAY 2019     25 - 28**

Report attached.

**17     ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

**18     EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

In the event of the Committee wishing to exclude the public from the meeting, the following resolution will be moved:-

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act."

# Council

## Minutes

Tuesday, 23 April 2019 at 19:00

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor M Coleman (in the Chair); Councillors Annison, Bird, Borg G Carpenter, P Carpenter, B Coleman, C Cordiner- Achenbach, Drewitt, Fairhead, Flaxman-Taylor, Galer, Grant, A Grey, K Grey, Hacon, Hammond, Hanton, Jeal, Lawn, Martin, Plant, Pratt, Robinson-Payne, Smith, Smith-Clare, Thirtle, Wainwright, Walch, B Walker, C Walker, Waters-Bunn, Williamson, B Wright, T Wright.

Also in attendance at the above meeting were: Mrs S Oxtoby (Chief Executive), Mrs K Watts (Strategic Director), Mr N Shaw (Strategic Director), Ms C Whatling (Monitoring Officer) and Mr S Ellwood (Interim Democratic Services Manager).

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bensley.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Thirtle declared an interest in the item relating to the Property Acquisition and Disposal Property by virtue of having a property portfolio and being a Member on the Board of Nplaw but was allowed to speak and vote on the matter.

### **3 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

### **4 MINUTES**

Council considered the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2019.

Proposer : Councillor Plant

Seconder : Councillor Grant

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 19 February 2019 be approved subject to under apologies for absence it be "K Grey" not "K Gray" and that in the third paragraph of Community and Voluntary Sector Grants item it be "2019/20" not "209/20".

CARRIED

## **5 FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

Proposer : Councillor Plant

Seconder : Councillor Wainwright

That in recognition of the eminent and valuable services rendered to the people of the Borough of Great Yarmouth and the County of Norfolk over a period of fifteen years by Sir Richard Jewson, KCVO, JP, a Lord Lieutenant during which time Sir Richard has been instrumental in securing many Royal events to take place in Great Yarmouth. The most notable in 2012 with The Prince of Wales including a visit to the Minster, Palmers Department Store, St George's Chapel, Great Yarmouth College and to launch Visit England at the Tourist Information Centre. Sir Richard has historical ties with Great Yarmouth from the family timber trade and links to Eastport. In 2015 he arranged a visit to Great Yarmouth with his Deputy Lieutenants including a briefing by the Borough at St George's Theatre and a tour of historic Great Yarmouth accompanied by Henry Cator, High Steward.

The Council hereby confers upon the said Sir Richard Jewson, KCVO, JP the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Great Yarmouth and hereby admits him to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

CARRIED

## **6 SERVICE COMMITTEE DECISION LIST FOR THE PERIOD 6 FEBRUARY 2019 TO 1 APRIL 2019**

Council considered the Service Committee Decision List for the period 6 February 2019 to 1 April 2019.

Councillor T Wright requested updates as to where we are with the key projects on the Marina Centre and Winter Gardens. Responses were provided.

Proposer : Councillor Plant

Seconder : Councillor Smith

That the Service Committee Decision List for the period 6 February 2019 to 1 April 2019 be received.

CARRIED

## **7 INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2019-20**

Council considered the Capital Projects and Senior Accountant's report seeking approval to the Council's Investment Strategy for 2019/20. The document provides a framework that informs decisions in relation to the Council's investments and supports other strategies including the treasury management strategy.

Proposer : Councillor Plant  
Seconder : Councillor Smith

That the Investment Strategy for 2019/20 as contained in the report be approved.

CARRIED

## **8 PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL POLICY**

Council considered the Housing Growth Manager's report outlining a proposed Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy which would replace the existing disposal of Surplus and Underused Land and Property Policy. The disposal element of the new policy has been updated to provide scope for the Council to dispose of residential property to yield a capital receipt for commercial gain.

Proposer : Councillor Plant  
Seconder : Councillor Smith

(1) That the Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy as contained in Appendix 1 to the report be approved subject to the addition of the following words to the final paragraph of 7.5 " and any comments or feedback taken into consideration before a decision is made."

(2) That delegated authority be given to the Strategic Directors, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer to approve the acquisition of property purchases from the open market and the disposal of properties in line with the agreed budget and strategy.

CARRIED

## **9 HMOs AND GUESTHOUSE PURCHASE AND REPAIR SCHEME**

Council considered the report of the Housing Growth Manager on a Housing in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and Guesthouse purchase scheme. The scheme would require an initial capital budget of £2m which would be used to purchase carefully selected residential properties, renovating them and bringing them back into use as houses or flats in an improved condition. Confidential information was contained in the appendix included in the confidential part of the agenda. There were no questions from Members regarding the confidential appendix.

Proposer : Councillor Plant  
Seconder : Councillor Bird

(1) That a Housing in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and Guesthouse purchase scheme outlined in the report be approved.

(2) That an initial capital budget of £2m be used to deliver the purchase and repair scheme.

CARRIED

## **10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of any other business.

## **11 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Her Worship the Mayor reminded members of the Fundraising event at St George's Theatre on 11 May at 7.30pm.

Her Worship the Mayor then thanked Councillors and Officers, both past and present, who had supported her in her role as a Councillor and more latterly as Mayor. She invited all for drinks in the Assembly Room at the conclusion of the meeting.

Councillors Plant, Wainwright, K Grey and B Coleman all spoke and thanked Councillors and Officers, both past and present, those Councillors not standing again or who would not be re-elected for their contribution and dedication to the Borough of Great Yarmouth.

The meeting ended at: 19:40

Subject: Great Yarmouth Health and Fitness Centre

Report to: Executive Leadership Team, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Council, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Report by: Kate Watts, Strategic Director

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In December 2018 Council agreed to allocate capital funding to progress the redevelopment of the Marina Centre to RIBA stage 3 and to authorise officers to further explore funding opportunities to support this project.

As part of this stage of work an extensive public engagement exercise has been undertaken. This report updates Members with the results of this public engagement exercise and asks Members to review and note the following:

- 1) To review the feedback from the public engagement exercise and to note the direct changes made to the project as a result of feedback gained during this period
- 2) To note that Members will receive a further report at the next Council meeting regarding the funding of the overall project and interim arrangements for displaced users

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In August 2015 Members approved a sport, play and leisure strategy for the Borough. In response, a report was developed highlighting what future capital investment was required by the Council to help deliver this sport, play and leisure strategy. This report was considered on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 by Cabinet

and subsequently funding of £7.4 million was built into the Council's four-year capital programme.

- 1.2 On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Cabinet released £1.8 million of this capital funding to redevelop the Phoenix Pool, subject to the transfer of the ownership of this site by Norfolk County Council to the Borough Council.
- 1.3 In September 2016 the works to the Phoenix Pool were completed and the site reopened to the public. Whilst these works were being undertaken a Members working group on leisure was formalised and started to investigate the options for future investment in the Marina Centre. As part of this work several proposals were put forward by the current operators of the Marina Centre.
- 1.4 In August 2016 it was agreed that The Sports Consultancy in partnership with Sports England would be commissioned to review refurbishment and new development options. This work concluded that although the cost per metre squared of development is lower for refurbishment; this comes with a higher risk, through the combination of several factors which lead to marginal capital savings when compared to a new build. A refurbished centre is not likely to achieve the same level of revenue as a new build and is likely to involve some compromise on the quality and layout of the facilities.
- 1.5 A new build option offers the opportunity for the Council to provide a high quality efficient leisure centre for the community and visitors to the Borough. It will provide a longer-term solution with a designed life of up to forty years. A new build will also mean that the programme and costs risks will be more easily managed than for a redevelopment, where structural risks such as plant, mechanical and electrical will need to be mitigated against.
- 1.6 In February 2017 Policy and Resources Committee agreed to further investigations into a new build option to replace the existing Marina Centre leisure facility, alongside the preparation of a development brief for the wider site and the exploration of potential private sector investment into this site.

- 1.7 In November 2017 Members approved a new build option to replace the existing Marina Centre and to move the project into its next phase of development, which was a detailed feasibility study, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) stage 2. This stage of work included looking at potential development sites for the Centre both on the Golden mile and elsewhere in the Borough, and as a result it was agreed that to maximise the economic benefits of building a new Centre that it should remain on the Golden Mile to further boost the seafront economy which brings direct benefits to the residents of the Borough.
- 1.8 In December 2018 Members approved the progression of this project to RIBA stage 3 and authorised officers to further explore funding opportunities for this project.

## **2. INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 This ambitious project is based on delivering three major outcomes for the Borough, which are:
- A new state-of-the-art centre located on the Golden Mile that would enhance the existing tourism offer for the resort, boosting our thriving tourism economy
  - The new centre would bring an opportunity for Borough-wide regeneration in providing more jobs for local residents, both during the construction phase and also once the new centre is fully operational
  - The new centre would be a hub to promote and encourage healthy lifestyles for both indoor and outdoor activities, providing an opportunity for our residents to increase their participation in physical activity and thereby prevent ill health
- 2.2 In summary the provision of a new Centre will provide a much-needed anchor destination for health and well-being activity both for residents of the Borough of Great Yarmouth and its visitors. It is clear this project will be a catalyst for change; both in terms of generating further investment on the seafront as well as promoting healthy lifestyles, positive mental health and well-being.

2.3 Following the Council's decision in December 2018 RIBA stage three has been commenced, works completed so far include:

- Detailed design work which has included the development of floor and roof plans, site plans, room area schedules and room data sheets
- External and internal visuals of the proposed new building
- A detailed demolition plan and the commencement of asbestos survey work in preparation for the demolition
- Review of pool access to ensure compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act (ongoing)
- A detailed public engagement exercise (see section X of this report) to include direct liaison with a number of clubs which currently use the Marina Centre
- Landscape design and design methodology
- Fire escape strategy review
- Initial engagement with planning and conservation
- Review of traffic study and environmental study
- Engagement with Sport England and the addition of Sport England requirements into the design development of the project
- Ongoing engagement with user groups to identify both interim and permanent relocation solutions

2.2 RIBA stage 3 is due to be fully completed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. Work still to be completed includes:

- Building elevation design – this is a critical piece of work to ensure the new Centre's design is in keeping with the wider seafront but also provides the opportunity for what we hope to become an iconic building
- Planning engagement – in order for the design team to be in a position to submit the planning permission at the end of May work is underway to ensure full engagement with the planning department to understand and mitigate against any issues that may arise through the planning process

- Procurement development – to develop the relevant tenders and procurement processes in relation to the demolition and build contracts of the new Centre including the development of and issuing of the pre-qualification questionnaires in relation to these tenders
- Finalisation of overall designs – to enable RIBA stage three to be completed and fully costed the building design needs to be finalised over the coming weeks

### **3. ASSUMPTIONS**

3.1 Whilst progressing this project through to RIBA stage 3 several assumptions have been made and tested with the Members Working Group, these are:

- That the new facility would be located on the footprint of the existing leisure facility. This decision was made in December 2018 after a detailed options appraisal of seafront site locations for the new Centre and was made as rebuilding on the existing footprint would prevent the need to relocate other seafront businesses, and whilst it was accepted that this would mean that existing users would be impacted on during the duration of the build, the Council committed to working with these users to find interim solutions. In addition to this, by rebuilding on the existing site the project remained affordable.
- By building on the existing site it would also mean that additional car parking of 100 extra spaces could be created to support the new facility
- That the new facility will create additional footfall along the seafront to enhance the visitor experience and as such will have a direct positive impact on the tourism economy which is worth £600 million annually to the Borough
- That the new facility would welcome the general public through a central thoroughfare to link the town and seafront, showcasing activities and encouraging public involvement with the centre
- That the new facility would be designed to maximise the attraction of the beach and provide better access

- The financial workings of this project have assumed a good quality finish and fit out, as well as ensuring longevity and efficiency of the new build.
- That the first floor external terrace will have a dedicated access from the café area below

#### **4. FACILITY MIX**

4.1 The facility mix for the new Centre will consist of;

- Learner pool 15m x 8.5m with moveable floor
- 6 lane x25m pool
- Poolside seating
- Sauna/steam/spa
- Clip and climb facility
- Sports hall
- Health and fitness gym
- Fitness and spin studios
- Multi purpose room
- Soft play area
- Café
- Car parking (100 extra spaces)
- 2 water flumes – to be externally fixed to the new facility
- Indoor confidence water area
- Fun splash pad, such as the type the Council installed on Gorleston seafront
- Meeting rooms and 1-2-1 consultation space

4.2 It is this mix of facilities that was launched as part of the public engagement events held in February 2019

#### **5. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

5.1 As part of RIBA stage 3 an extensive two-week public engagement exercise was undertaken. This centred around exhibition boards on public display both at the

Marina Centre and Gorleston Library, with scheduled drop in sessions for the public during the two-week period, and the ability for people to feedback their comments both online and with a paper survey.

5.2 The level of responses and turn-out at the drop-in sessions was positive. A total of 294 surveys were completed.

5.3 From these responses several design elements already incorporated into the design of the building were defined as being very important to the majority of responders which included:

- Sustainability within the design of the building to include low energy and the use of natural lighting
- Parking and outdoor frontage areas
- Internal community space
- Café views to the beach
- The multi use sports hall
- The fitness studio
- Wet play structures
- Childs play within the lesiure water

5.4 There were also design elements that were defined as not being important to the majority of responders which included:

- Visibility of the first floor exercise area
- First floor terrace for exercise class use
- Free access to the café
- The party room
- The climbing zone
- Water flumes
- More adventurous rides

5.5 This feedback is useful when finalising the detailed design of the building as part

of the work required to complete RIBA stage 3.

5.6 The Council is now evaluating these detailed responses, but in terms of the general comments and feedback it should be noted that overall, respondents welcome this major investment in the borough, with the architectural designs and visual appearance being well received.

5.7 In terms of concerns that were raised these include:

- A need for parking to be affordable and fit for purpose all year round  
*The Council is able to confirm that the cost of parking for users of the new Centre on opening will be no more than the £1.00 it costs currently*
- Ensuring the facility is affordable for local people  
*The Council is currently working with its leisure provider to ensure that the fees for the new Centre will be affordable to all*
- Concerns about losing the public toilet to the north were raised  
*The building designs have been reviewed and four outward facing public toilets have been added to the new Centre*
- Concerns about the disruption to the seafront during the works were raised  
*The design team are currently undertaking detailed project timeline planning for the construction element of the project with the overall aim of minimising any disruptions to the seafront*
- Concerns about the displacement of Centre users to the works were raised  
*The Council has been working hard with its leisure provider and various clubs and user groups to try and identify alternative provisions for the users during the closure of the Centre*
- Concerns were raised about the loss of a dedicated skating facility and the impact this will have on the younger generation  
*The Council has been working with both Retroskate and the Artistic Roller Skating Club to find an alternative venue. The sports hall in the new facility will be able to be used for rollerskating. In addition to this the Council has undertaken a detailed equalities impact assessment to ensure that the new Centre will*

*provide good opportunities for younger people to take part in physical activity across all the facilities which will be provided in the new Centre.*

- Concerns were raised about the loss of the current indoor bowling facility and the impact this will have on elderly and disabled persons that currently use this facility  
*The Council has been working with the Bowls club, including its chairperson and Members to find an alternative venue. The sports hall in the new facility will provide a facility for the playing of short mat bowls once built, although this would not allow for the club to compete in league competitions. In addition to this the Council has undertaken a detailed equalities impact assessment to ensure that the new Centre will provide good opportunities for older people to take part in physical activity across all the facilities that will be provided in the new Centre*
- A desire to make the pool a 50 metre competition standard pool was raised  
*This was considered as part of the early feasibility work of the project where it was identified that a community based pool was required to support the needs of the residents in the Borough rather than a competition standard pool*
- Concerns were raised in making sure that the new complex is fully accessible for disabled users  
*This is a key consideration for the Council, and already the design proposals include a changing places facility. In addition to this specific work is ongoing to ensure the main pool access is fully accessible to all. A detailed equalities impact assessment has also been completed to ensure that this is fully considered as the project is further developed*
- Concerns were raised by existing Club 88 users who enjoy the ability to use the sports hall and play table tennis within the same area.  
*As a result the building design has been changed to allow for a meeting room to be accessed from the sports hall, which will then be used for table tennis as required.*

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 RIBA stage 3 is fully funded through the Council decision made in December 2018 and therefore at this time there are not additional financial considerations to be made in terms of agreeing the recommendations outlined within this report.

## **7. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 As part of RIBA stage 2 a detailed risk register has been developed and is reviewed by the design team on a regular basis.

## **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 As the project completes RIBA stage 3 formal planning permission for the project will need to be obtained.

- 8.2 Members should note the current contractual arrangements in place with the operator of the existing Marina Centre:

- A fifteen year contract with Sentinel Leisure Trust for the management of both the Phoenix Pool and the Marina Centre, with the option to extend for a further 15 years
- A 30 year lease between GYBC and Sentinel LT for the Marina Centre. If the Funding and Management Agreement is terminated then the Lease terminates automatically.
- There is a Tenancy At Will in respect of the Phoenix Pool.

- 8.3 Members also need to note that the current leisure provider will require formal notification of the termination of its lease on the Marina Centre, along with a number of tenant and hire arrangements with other tenants and service users within the Marina Centre site.

## **9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 9.1 When making decisions the Council must give due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and eliminate unlawful discrimination. Equality impact assessments have been carried out for the two phases of the project – demolition of the existing Marina Centre and building of the new Great Yarmouth Borough Health and Leisure Centre. These seek to identify whether

there may be any disproportionate or detrimental impact on people with protected characteristics.

### **Key issues because of the demolition of the existing Marina Centre:**

- In the short term this phase will cause disruption to individuals with protected characteristics, most significantly, two disabled swimming groups, individuals with protected characteristics who use the gym facilities, the bowls group and a skating group
- Groups representing those with protected characteristics will be unable to hire facilities at the Centre for specific events
- The Changing Places Toilet which is accessible not only to Marina Centre visitors, but members of the public generally will be unavailable during this phase of the project.

### **Mitigating measures**

- Impact from the demolition of the Marina Centre will be reduced for members by providing access to facilities run by the same leisure group. However, it is likely that some disruption will be experienced for example by individuals who are neurotypical who may find the change difficult and due to alternative options not providing the same facilities as the Marina Centre. It is therefore important that the new build is carried out as quickly as possible.
- Alternative Changing Places facilities are available in the Town at Pier Head, the Conge and the Troll Cart pub.
- The Council have been in discussions with several of the user groups with protected characteristics which include the disabled swimming groups, Bowls club, and the Artistic Roller skating to try and find temporary accommodation or find suitable alternative solutions in the long term.
- The Council have on board the design team an equalities adviser who will be supporting the team to ensure that equalities and accessibility have been woven into the project from the outset.

- The Council along with the operator (Sentinel) have taken a tour of alternative leisure facilities with a variety of accessible options to ensure that the Great Yarmouth offer includes the right solutions for the local user's needs.

### **Key issues to be aware of during the design phase of the new facility:**

- A major part of the re-design of the Centre will replace the swimming pool which is currently used by two disabled swimming groups. It is likely that the change to facilities will cause some anxiety, particularly for disabled users that may be concerned about future provision.
- The new Health and Leisure Centre presents an important resource for the whole community, including those with protected characteristics. Ensuring that the design phase is comprehensive but timely is important to all individuals but particularly disabled and those with age related health/mobility issues as the centre may represent their only access to health and fitness in a safe and trusted environment. Should the new facility not be available for a prolonged period this may cause some individuals to turn away from exercise which may be detrimental to their long-term health outcomes.

### **Mitigating measures**

- The design phase presents an opportunity to explore options to provide a facility which encompasses best practice in accessibility and inclusion for all protected characteristics.
- Key stakeholders such as representatives from the disabled swimming groups are being included within scoping work to ensure that not only best practice is met but also the thoughts of users are considered. In-direct input has also been sought via an extensive media campaign and public engagement exercise.
- Work is underway to provide a temporary solution for these users at the Phoenix pool where it is likely that current access solutions at the pool will need to be enhanced to support the increased number of disabled users during this period.

- 9.2 The full assessment findings are available upon request. Clear reasons are provided for each proposal to show why detrimental impact is not predicted, and the nature of this impact, recognising that both projects are at an early stage. Both EQiA's are 'living documents' which will be updated as the projects progress.

## **10. CONCLUSIONS**

- 10.1 This new health and fitness centre project is an exciting project which will bring a state of the art facility to the residents of the Borough alongside supporting the wider tourism offer, and in doing so will also bring economic benefit to the Borough.

## **11. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 Members are asked:

- 1) To review the feedback from the public engagement exercise and to note the direct changes made to the project as a result of feedback gained during this period
- 2) To note that Members will receive a further report at the next Council meeting regarding the funding of the overall project and interim arrangements for displaced users

<b>Area for consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Monitoring Officer Consultation:	Yes - Legal commentary is detailed within the report
Section 151 Officer Consultation:	Yes
Existing Council Policies:	Sports, Play and Leisure Strategy
Financial Implications:	Not in relation to this report
Legal Implications (including human rights):	Yes - Legal commentary is detailed within the report
Risk Implications:	Yes – Detailed within the report & held within the project risk register
Equality Issues/EQIA assessment:	Yes – Completed with summary detailed

	within the report
Crime & Disorder:	Considered as part of the design considerations
Every Child Matters:	Will be considered by the operator in readiness for the opening of the new Centre

Subject: Great Yarmouth Borough Council Elections 2 May 2019

Report to: Full Council

Date: 16 May 2019

Report by: Licensing and Elections Manager (Deputy Returning Officer)

**SUBJECT MATTER:**

**This report gives the results for the Local Elections which were held on Thursday 2 May 2019**

1.1 The results of the Great Yarmouth Borough Council elections were as follows:

WARD	CANDIDATES	PARTY	NO OF VOTES	ELECTED	% POLL
<b>Bradwell North (3 Vacancies)</b>	Candon, Daniel Peter John	Con	702	<b>Daniel Candon Graham Plant Carl Smith</b>	30.6
	Plant, Graham Robert	Con	904		
	Smith, Carl	Con	817		
	Thurtle, Joanne (known as Jo)	Lab	670		
<b>Bradwell South &amp; Hopton (3 Vacancies)</b>	Annison, Carl Adrian	Con	954	<b>Carl Annison Susan Hacon Kathryn Stenhouse</b>	27.37
	Greggs, David John	Lab	511		
	Hacon, Susan (known as Sue)	Con	785		
	Stenhouse, Kathryn Ann (known as Katy)	Con	736		
<b>Caister North (2 Vacancies)</b>	Booth, Andrew	Lab	336	<b>Graham Carpenter Penelope Carpenter</b>	28.5
	Carpenter, Graham Paul	Con	600		
	Carpenter, Penelope Jane (known as Penny)	Con	601		
<b>Caister South (2 Vacancies)</b>	Ammon, Ivan	Lab	305	<b>Malcolm Bird Brian Lawn</b>	28.76
	Bird, Malcolm Dudley	Con	608		
	Green, Alison Jean Elizabeth	Lab	369		
	Lawn, Brian Alfred	Con	637		
<b>Central &amp; Northgate (3 Vacancies)</b>	Grimmer, Philip Malcolm	Con	287	<b>Jade Martin Michael Smith – Clare Carrie Talbot</b>	23.5
	Hammond Young, Ayeshia Claire	Con	207		
	Martin, Jade	Lab	485		
	Pollard, Karen	Con	270		

	Simmons, John	Lab	438		
	Smith-Clare, Michael (known as Mike)	Lab	528		
	Talbot, Carrie Amy	UKIP	453		
	Walch, Christopher John (known as Chris)	Ind	422		
<b>Claydon (3 Vacancies)</b>	Borg, Carol Ann	Lab	659	<b>Carol Borg Cara Walker Bernard Williamson</b>	21.5
	Boyd, Gary William	Con	319		
	O'Dell, Lionel John	Con	354		
	Popham, Alan James	Con	376		
	Walker, Cara Louise	Lab	594		
	Williamson, Bernard John	Lab	569		
<b>East Flegg (2 Vacancies)</b>	Bensly, James William	Con	876	<b>James Bensly Noel Galer</b>	31.6
	Galer, Noel Douglas	Con	707		
	Thomas-Bush, Harriet	Lab	329		
<b>Fleggburgh (1 Vacancy)</b>	Thirtle, Haydn Andrew	Con	151	<b>Adrian Thompson</b>	58
	Thompson, Adrian David	Ind	1050		
	Wardley, Claire Samantha	Lab	47		
<b>Gorleston (2 Vacancies)</b>	Flaxman-Taylor, Emma Claire Louise	Con	751	<b>Emma Flaxman- Taylor Paul Wells</b>	33.2
	Upton, Ronald John (known as Ron)	Lab	489		
	Wells, Paul Anthony George	Con	738		
<b>Lothingland (2 Vacancies)</b>	Cameron, Tracy Lynn	Con	579	<b>Tracy Cameron Adrian Myers</b>	29.14
	Drewitt, David Thomas	Con	450		
	Myers, Adrian Paul	Ind	631		
	Williams, Hilary Janice	Lab	315		
<b>Magdalen (3 Vacancies)</b>	Allen, Natasha	Con	384	<b>Trevor Wainwright Brian Walker Colleen Walker</b>	24.7
	Odam, Elizabeth Louise (known as Izzye)	Con	337		
	Page, Patricia Elizabeth	Con	428		
	Wainwright, Trevor John	Lab	734		
	Walker, Brian Robert	Lab	685		
	Walker, Colleen Monica	Lab	708		

<b>Nelson (3 Vacancies)</b>	Farrow, Margaret Elizabeth	Con	211	<b>Michael Jeal Kerry Robinson-Payne Anthony Wright</b>	21.73
	Jeal, Michael Thomas	Lab	586		
	Riley, Michael John	UKIP	291		
	Robinson-Payne, Kerry Susanne	Lab	528		
	Rogers, George William	Con	172		
	Smith, Saul Allan	UKIP	248		
	Stock, Lynn	Con	165		
	Wright, Anthony David (known as Tony)	Lab	568		
<b>Ormesby (2 Vacancies)</b>	Freeman, Geoffrey Eynon	Con	593	<b>Geoffrey Freeman Steven Scott-Greenard</b>	34.54
	Guy, Craig	Lab	189		
	Hanton, Ronald Charles (known as Ron)	Con	460		
	Scott-Greenard, Steven David (known as Steve)	Ind	700		
<b>Southtown &amp; Cobholm ( 2 Vacancies)</b>	Allen, Thomas Lewis	Con	188	<b>Catherine Cordiner-Achenbach Paula Waters-Bunn</b>	18
	Cordiner-Achenbach, Catherine Rebecca (known as Cathy)	Lab	344		
	Waters-Bunn, Paula	Lab	319		
	Whitaker, Robert Walter (known as Bob)	Con	159		
<b>St Andrews (2 Vacancies)</b>	Fairhead, Marlene Ellen	Lab	521	<b>Marlene Fairhead Barbara Wright</b>	25.75
	Lawn, Ann Grace	Con	304		
	Peace, Max	Con	308		
	Wright, Barbara Ann	Lab	511		
<b>West Flegg (2 Vacancies)</b>	Bush, Edward James (known as Edd)	Lab	413	<b>Andrew Grant Leslie Mogford</b>	29.4
	Grant, Andrew Kenneth (known as Andy)	Con	678		
	Mogford, Leslie John	Con	641		
<b>Yarmouth North (2 Vacancies)</b>	Borg, James Louis	Lab	330	<b>Donna Hammond Paul Hammond</b>	31
	Hammond, Donna Kay	Con	395		
	Hammond, Paul Charles	Con	375		
	Harding, David Thomas (known as Dave)	Veterans and People's	309		
	Lysaght, Sandra (known as Sandy)	Lab	373		

- 1.2 The total number of ballot papers issued was 20,270. Resulting in an overall turnout of 28.1%.
- 1.3 The number of spoilt ballot papers for this election was 968
- 1.4 The number of postal votes issued was 11,228. The number of valid postal votes returned that were included in the count was 6660 (a return of 59.3%)
- 1.5 The new composition of the Council is 20 Conservative, 15 Labour, 3 Independent and 1 UKIP.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**EXECUTIVE BOARD OR DIRECTOR CONSULTATION:**

None

Does this report raise any legal, financial, sustainability, equality, crime and disorder or human rights issues and, if so, have they been considered?	Issues	
	Legal	X
	Financial	
	Sustainability	
	Equality	
	Crime and Disorder	
	Human Rights	
	Risk Considerations	